

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7: Previously canceled

Claims 8: (Previously amended) A reagent for qualifying apoptosis comprising at last one protein selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a protein containing an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 1;
- (b) a protein containing an amino acid sequence homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 1 and having proliferation inhibitory activity on cancer cells or cell death inducing activity; and
- (c) a protein containing amino acid residues 61-89 and 497-514 of SEQ ID No. 1 and having proliferation inhibitory activity on cancer cells or cell death inducing activity.

Claims 9-10: Previously canceled

Claim 11: (Currently amended) A reagent for qualifying apoptosis comprising at least one monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a monoclonal antibody to a protein containing an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 1;
- (b) a monoclonal antibody to a protein containing an amino acid sequence homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 1 and having proliferation inhibitory activity on cancer cells or cell death inducing activity; and
- (c) a monoclonal antibody to a protein containing amino acid residues 61-89 and 497-514 of SEQ ID No. 1 and having proliferation inhibitory activity on cancer cells or cell death inducing activity.

Claim 12: (Previously added) A reagent of claim 11, wherein said monoclonal antibody is selected from the group consisting of I38A (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCE AND HUMAN TECHNOLOGY, AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, International Deposit No. FERM BP-5872), monoclonal antibody I32D (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCE AND HUMAN TECHNOLOGY, International Deposit No. FERM BP-5873), and monoclonal antibody I310H (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCE AND HUMAN TECHNOLOGY, AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, International Deposit No. FERM BP-5874).

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